

**U.S. Embassy Kabul  
Human Resources Office**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: IRC ASSISTANT (FSN-08)**

Announcement Number: 14-119/14-119T

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates (Women are encouraged to apply)

**POSITION:** Information Resources Center (IRC) Assistant (FSN-08)  
Trainee Level (FSN-07) \*\*

**OPENING DATE:** September 02, 2014

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time, 40 hours/week

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**NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul is seeking for one individual for the position of IRC Assistant with the Public Affairs Section (PAS).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

The information resource center (IRC) assistant reports directly to the IRC director and is reviewed by the information resource officer (IRC) the IRC assistant oversees the operations and programming of five to seven Lincoln learning centers (LLCs) known elsewhere as American corners, throughout Afghanistan. Acting IRC director when necessary. Assist colleagues in the oversight of as many as 13 other LLCs. Provides administrative and programming training and guidance to the LLC staff. Creates and implements culture outreach programming for use at the LLCs or separately in Kabul. Advises the IRC on staffing, programming and financial matters. Develops and maintains contacts within the culture, educational, political and alumni communities.

Responsible for designing and implementing tracking programs and procedures for the IRC and LLC management. Fills the traditional research and support role of IRC staff all over the world.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

**VA 14-119 – Full Performance Level:**

**Education:** High school diploma and some higher education required.

**Experience:** Three years of experience in management, administration, event planning, library sciences, or related field is required.

**VA 14-119T – Trainee Level:**

**Education:** High school diploma and some higher education required.

**Experience:** Two years of experience in management, administration, event planning, library sciences, or related field is required.

**The position has been approved for substitution, for one year of experience in lieu of one year of higher education.**

**Language:** Level IV (fluent) speaking/reading in English and Level IV (fluent) speaking/reading in either Dari or Pashto language is required.

**Knowledge:** Expert knowledge of Afghan cultural norms and institutions, education system and outreach infrastructure (word of mouth, print/radio/television media, Internet resources, etc.) Expert knowledge of how to run libraries, cultural programming and other events within the unique Afghan logistical and security environment. Expert knowledge of database and other tracking tools. Working knowledge of American cultural norms and education system. Understanding of Embassy Kabul Mission Strategic Goals and the Integrated Afghanistan Communications Plan and how PAS programs fit into them.

**Abilities and Skills:** Plan and implement programs in the Afghan logistical and security environment with little to no supervision. Maintain daily contact and oversight of LLC staff spread throughout the country. Act as IRC Director when necessary. Backfill other IRC Assistants when necessary. Advise American colleagues on appropriateness and Feasibility of programs and publications. Manage budgets; effectively use and train others in information resources and outreach tools. Use word processing, spreadsheet, database, Internet, social media, and graphic design software.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:**

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff (DS-174). Candidates may also send a current résumé or curriculum vitae in addition to the Form DS-174, but in all cases, **the DS-174 must be submitted in order for the candidate to receive consideration for this vacancy.** The DS-174 form is available on the U.S. Embassy website <http://kabul.usembassy.gov>
2. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Human Resources Office, U.S. Embassy Kabul

**Applications should be submitted through e-mail to this address: [kabuljobs@state.gov](mailto:kabuljobs@state.gov)**

**Subject line must be: (IRC Assistant VA: 14-119/14-119T) or your application may not be considered.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION:** (Open until filled)

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

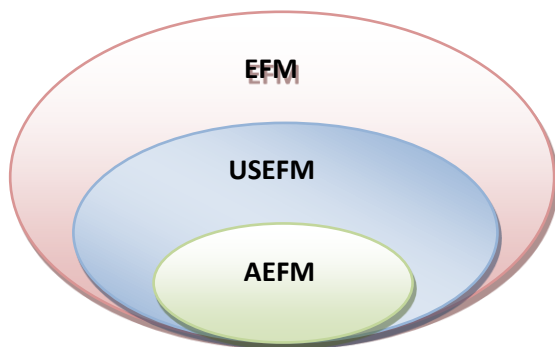
### **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. The candidate must be able to obtain U.S. Mission Regional Security Office (RSO) and Health Unit clearances.

The U.S. Mission in (insert post) provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

## **Appendix A** **DEFINITIONS**



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,

- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, and other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

### **Appendix B**

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills

R. Work Experience

S. References

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